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SUBJECT: MOZAMBIQUE PRESS ON ANGOLA AND US INVOLVEMENT

1. AFTER APPROXIMATELY TWO WEEKS OF MINIMAL ANGOLAN COVERAGE (LOCAL CORRESPONDENTS HAVING RETURNED TO MOZAMBIQUE) LOCAL PRESS HAS IN PAST FEW DAYS BEEN PICKING UP PLETHORA OF WIRE SERVICE STORIES AND IS BEGINNING TO USE VITUPERATIVE LANGUAGE AGAINST USG FOR ALLEGED ROLE IN ANGOLAN CONFLICT.

2. LOCAL PRESS FROM DECEMBER 12-15 CARRIED FOLLOWING STORIES: MESSAGE FROM MPLA CHIEF NETO TO MACHEL (LOURENCO MARQUES 1328): 19TH ANNIVERSARY OF FOUNDING OF MPLA; CONGRESSMAN PIKE STATE-
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MENT THAT USG IMPLICATED IN ANGOLA; A SWAPO COMMUNIQUE LINKING

SAG "INVASION" OF ANGOLA TO CIA; TANZANIAN FONMIN KADUMA STATEMENT DENOUNCING SAG INTERVENTION IN ANGOLA; SOVIET (PRAVDA) ATTACKS ON US OVER ANGOLA; AN AFP ARTICLE ON US CONGRESSIONAL OPPOSITION TO SECRET USG INVOLVEMENT IN ANGOLA; SPEECHES BY MPLA'S LOPO DO NASCIMENTO; TANZANIAN PRESS ATTACKS ON USG ROLE IN ANGOLA; WHICH IN TURN CITE "WASHINGTON POST" REVELATIONS ON THIS SUBJECT; TEXT OF AN MPLA (FAPLA) COMMUNIQUE ON DECEMBER 14 DENOUNCING ZAIREAN ATTACKS ON ANGOLA; NETO'S MESSAGE OF THANKS TO CUBANS FOR THEIR "MILITANT AND MULTIFORM SOLIDARITY WITH MPLA"; "WASHINGTON POST" REPORT THAT USG IS COVERTLY SUPPLYING \$50 MILLION IN CASH AND MATERIAL TO UNITA-FNLA, EITHER DIRECTLY OR THROUGH ZAIRE; CORE OFFER OF AID TO ALL THREE MOVEMENTS AND DENUNCIATION OF OFFER AS CIA PLOY.

3. SMALLER BEIRA DAILY "NOTICIAS DA BEIRA", WHICH CONSIDERABLY LESS RESTRAINED THAN "NOTICIAS" OF LOURENCO MARQUES, FEATURED STORY DECEMBER 13 HEADLINED "AMERICAN IMPERIALISM THREATENS ANGOLAN PEOPLE". ARTICLE BITTERLY CASTIGATED SECRETARY KISSINGER AS "SINISTER FIGURE DIRECTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR SOME OF THE MOST HORRIBLE CRIMES COMMITTED BY IMPERIALISM IN THIS CENTURY", WHO HAS BEEN "MAKING THREATS AGAINST ANGOLA UNDER PRETEXT OF COMMUNIST PERIL". ARTICLE CITED "WASHINGTON POST" REVELATIONS AS EVIDENCE.

4. "NOTICIAS DA BEIRA" HAS BEEN CONSISTENTLY MORE SENSATIONALLY ANTI-WEST THAN "NOTICIAS", BUT IT HAD NOT TAKEN GLOVES OFF PREVIOUSLY. WE MAY BE FACING NEW SPATE OF ANTI-AMERICANISM IN MEDIA AFTER MONTHS OF RESPITE FROM WHAT WAS EXTREMELY VITUPERATIVE CAMPAIGN EARLY THIS YEAR. NEW CAMPAIGN, IF THERE IS IN FACT TO BE ONE, WILL BE KEYED TO LOCAL PERCEPTION OF OUR ROLE IN ANGOLA.

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